

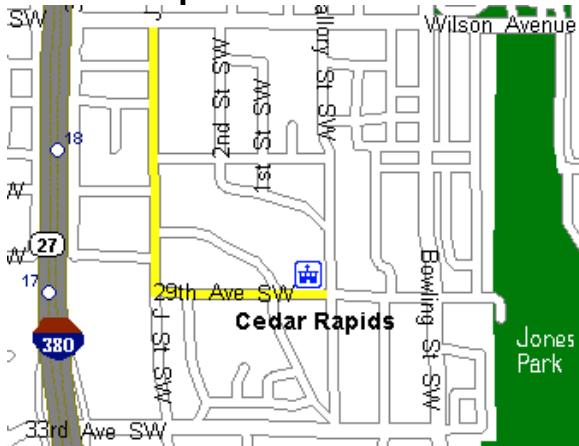


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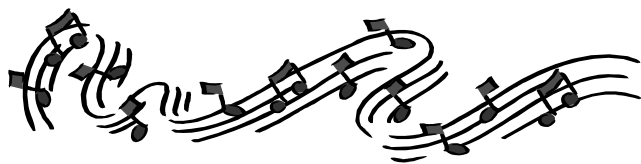
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Sharing the Blessings!

Hus Presbyterian Church

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Hus Happenings



22nd Annual Choir Concert
Sunday, May 13th - 9:30 AM

Please come and hear the choir perform.

Hus Presbyterian Church presents...



HUS RACING LEAGUE

Join us for the 2007 Season!

Spend quality time with family, friends, and neighbors racing Hot Wheels, Match Box, & Johnny Lightning cars on the 2nd Saturday of each month from February to November. It is a fun, exciting, and intense event that all will enjoy. Registration at 9:30 AM. Races at 10 AM. So come, enjoy the food, enjoy the excitement, enjoy the rush and just **HAVE FUN!**



Confirmation Sunday
May 20th, 9:30 AM

May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	Pastor Will on leave from April 30 th – May 6 th	1 Quilters - 8:30 AM Bible Study – 1:30 PM Trustee's Meeting- 7 PM	2 H.S. Bible Study at Marion HS - 7:30 AM Youth Group Movie Night - 5:15 PM Meal- 5:15 PM Choir- 7 PM Worship Team- 8 PM	3 National Day of Prayer Service at May's Island- 11:30 AM Prayer Warriors- 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study at the Page's – 7 PM	4 Breakfast Club at Kennedy High School - 7:00 AM Breakfast Club at Prairie Middle School - 7:30 AM	5
6 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Sunday School – 11 AM Youth Serving at 1 st Presbyterian Church- 4 PM	7 Alpha Class- 5:45 PM – 7:45 PM at Jackson's Home 4210 Morris Ave NW Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	8 Quilters - 8:30 AM Bible Study – 1:30 PM Deacon's Meeting- 6:30 PM	9 H.S. Bible Study at Marion HS - 7:30 AM Meal- 5:15 PM Youth Group-5:45 PM Choir- 6:45 PM Worship Team- 8 PM	10 Prayer Warriors- 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study at the Page's – 7 PM	11 Breakfast Club at Kennedy High School - 7:00 AM Breakfast Club at Prairie Middle School - 7:30 AM Dámská meeting- 1 PM	12 Egg Decorating with Marj Nejd in narthex- 9AM Hus Racing League Registration- 9:30 AM Racing begins-10 AM
13 Choir Concert in Worship Service - 9:30 AM Sunday School – 11 AM  Mother's Day	14 Alpha Class- 5:45 PM – 7:45 PM at Jackson's Home 4210 Morris Ave NW Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	15 Men's Breakfast- 7:30 AM Quilters - 8:30 AM Bible Study – 1:30 PM Session Meeting- 7 PM	16 H.S. Bible Study at Marion HS - 7:30 AM Meal- 5:15 PM Youth Group-5:45 PM Choir- 6:45 PM Worship Team- 8 PM	17 Prayer Warriors- 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study at the Page's – 7 PM  ASCENSION OF THE LORD	18 Breakfast Club at Kennedy High School - 7:00 AM Breakfast Club at Prairie Middle School - 7:30 AM	19
20 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Sunday School – 11 AM (no MS/HS class)  Confirmation Sunday	21 Please have all graduate information to the office Alpha Class- 5:45 PM – 7:45 PM at Jackson's Home 4210 Morris Ave NW Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	22 Quilters - 8:30 AM Bible Study – 1:30 PM Youth Group Parent's Meeting- 7 PM	23 H.S. Bible Study at Marion HS - 7:30 AM Youth Group- 5:45 PM Worship Team- 7 PM	24 Lunch Bunch- 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study at the Page's – 7 PM	25 Breakfast Club at Kennedy High School - 7:00 AM Breakfast Club at Prairie Middle School - 7:30 AM	26
27 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Sunday School – 11 AM Global Day of Prayer at the Kernels Stadium  Pentecost Sunday	28 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM  MEMORIAL DAY	29 Quilters - 8:30 AM Bible Study – 1:30 PM	30 H.S. Bible Study at Marion HS - 7:30 AM Youth Group- 5:45 PM Worship Team- 7 PM	31 Prayer Warriors- 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study at the Page's – 7 PM		



BUSINESS OR BUSY-NESS?

As we all plunge into the busy month that is called May, it is so easy to let the shouts of "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed" fade into the background and become forgotten. There are family gatherings, graduations, spring cleanings, special school events, special church events, special presbytery events, special city events, special Serve The City events, and on and on and on. It is great to be about our business of living, doing it well and effectively. However, sometimes we can become slaves to just being busy --- "busy-ness" --- and that is not good.

It is important that we continue to seek the presence and guidance of the risen Christ, who is with us in the midst of all the various things we must attend to in our lives. Like the early disciples who went back to fishing after Jesus had been raised from the dead, we can become so focused on just getting things done that we no longer are able to see Christ who is right with us. Remember, Jesus showed up on the shore and even called out to them, but they did not recognize him.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No" they answered. (John 21:4-5)

It wasn't until they had listened to Jesus' word to throw their net to the right side of the boat and they were blessed with a net full of large fish that they realized Jesus was right there with them. That is the key for us as well. In the "busy-ness" of our lives, as is the case for so many of us in May, we need to keep our hearts open to hearing God's Word spoken to us, and be willing to follow that Word in the midst of all the other things we are doing. Only then will we find life full and effective. Otherwise, everything just becomes a series of draining tasks that we are just trying to get through the best we can.

It is the presence of the risen Christ with us that will make what we do fulfilling and joyful. Only Christ can take our "busy-ness" and make it into something productive and fruitful for what God wants to have happen in our lives and in the world around us. But we need to be listening for His voice, through prayer, reading the Bible, and gathering with other disciples for encouragement and worship. Then we can be about the eternal business of the kingdom of God, rather than the fleeting "busy-ness" of this world.

So, let's all tackle the many things before us this May and deal with all the spring activities with the awareness that the risen Christ is with us. This Easter reality is what will make all our realities worthwhile and joyful.

In Christ's Peace,

A stylized, cursive signature of the word "Will" in black ink.



Happy Birthday

3 rd	Christy Hebert
4 th	Marcia Funcke
4 th	George Wheat
5 th	Anne McDill
5 th	Charles Tichy
5 th	Coulter Page
6 th	Dennis Roethlisberger
8 th	Sue Reisetter
9 th	Jean Mary Hite
9 th	Hayley Cisler
9 th	Madonna Gretten
12 th	Tammy McLaskey
14 th	Deb MacDougall
14 th	Alex Ransom
15 th	Margaret Feiereisen
16 th	Harold Skripsky
16 th	Harold McGowan
16 th	Ruby Klein
16 th	Jackson Trotman
18 th	Terry Van Wyk
22 nd	Charles Nejd
22 nd	Leonard Nejd
24 th	Margaret Klopp
25 th	Kenneth Kloubec
28 th	Matthew VandeZandeschulp
29 th	Joyce McGivern
30 th	Christopher Page
31 st	Joyce Greer
31 st	Logan Reisetter



A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary.

—Dorothy Canfield Fisher



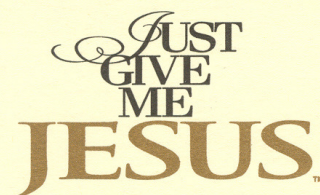
9 th	Michael & Becki Stevens	15
13 th	Chris & Lori Ransom	6
14 th	Don & Chelsey McDill	2
19 th	Eldred & Betty Svoboda	56
19 th	Tom & Tina Currie	23
25 th	Ron & Lois Wegner	34
26 th	Norm & Sue Reisetter	19
27 th	David & Jenny Zahradnik	12

Check us out online!

If you have access to a computer, go to
www.huschurch.org

✧ Transportation provided by the Deacons ✧

Please call the office by the Thursday to schedule a ride to church. A Deacon will return your call and arrange to pick you up and take you home following worship service.



The Local Revival Team for
Just Give Me Jesus

Des Moines 2008

cordially invites you to

A Morning of Inspiration for Ministers

with

Dr. Joe Stowell & Anne Graham Lotz

Worship led by Keith & Kristyn Getty

Lutheran Church of Hope

925 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines, IA

Thursday, May 24, 2007

10:00 - 11:30 am

Coffee & Rolls at 9:00 am

Please RSVP by May 7th to (515) 264-7200
or JGMJesusDSM@netins.net

Visioning Review

A NEW SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU

If you are looking for a chance to serve God through Hus church, there is new task force starting that could use your help. Two years ago, Hus passed the Hope and Health visioning plan. When this was passed it was stated that the plan would be reviewed at the end of two years. That time is upon us and the Session of Hus church would like to set up a Visioning Review Task Force. This task force would look at the Hope and Health plan and determine what we are doing well and what we need to improve. It will also determine if the all of the plan is still relevant or if it needs to be changed. The frequency of the task force meetings and the duration of the task force will be determined by the task force members once it is created.

Pray about this opportunity and if you are interested in serving in this very important project, please let one of the Session members or one of the Hus nominating committee know of your interest. If you have additional questions, please talk to Doug Page or Marcia Funcke (your Session Nominating Committee Representatives)

In Him,
Doug Page
Marcia Funcke



Egg Decorationg with Marj Nejd



Egg painting class led by Marj Nejd will be held on May 12th at 9 AM – Noon in the narthex. Cost per individual is \$20. Space is limited so be sure to sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Choir Concert May 13th at 9:30 AM



Please come and hear the choir perform music from the past year during the regular worship time.



God and the Barber

A man went to a barbershop to have his haircut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving a God who would allow all of these things." The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument.

The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist." "How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!"

"No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside." "Ah, but barbers DO exist! What happens is people do not come to me. " "Exactly!"- affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! What happens, is, people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."



Hi All,

Why is it that everyone seems to be in a hurry to get somewhere? The other day when I took Karissa to school a young girl went speeding around us on the highway. When we took the off ramp guess who we pulled up right behind? You guessed it, the same girl that had passed us. At the next intersection she flew through the yellow, no, make that a red light and cut in front of several cars narrowly avoiding an accident. She managed to get several cars in front of us and was probably a mile ahead of us, that is, until the next stoplight. This time she was two cars in front of us. By the time we reached school she was only a few seconds ahead of us. I am sure she thought she was making great time, but the truth is she did not get to her destination any faster. Instead she broke a few traffic laws and risked getting

ticketed. This seems to happen all the time. People are in such a hurry to get from one place to another. We seem to race through life without worrying about the consequences. What would have happened if she had gone through that red light just a few seconds later? More than likely she would have been in a terrible accident. Some days it scares me to see how people drive. It seems as if stop signs do not exist, speed limits are not for them, along with many other things. Why? To save a few minutes getting to where they are going? Galatians 6:7b says, "A man reaps what he sows." If you speed you could get a ticket, get into an accident, or both. We can get so worked up about everything that is going on in our lives that we forget to slow down and spend time with God. This rush around and worry attitude can lead to many different things such as not being able to sleep at night, not being able to concentrate, and even physical pain. Jesus warns us about worry in Matthew 6:25-34:

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

²⁸"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

In verse 27 Jesus asks the question, "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" I certainly can't. In fact I probably take off an hour by worrying about all the things that I have to get done. Why not slow down? There is a lot to gain by leaving a little earlier to get where you are going. Will it be easy, not a chance. Slowing down and actually saying no to some things is not the easiest thing to do, just ask Diane. She will tell you that I do not know how to say no. I have started to slow down by leaving a little earlier. I have learned what "no" means and I am working on learning how to say it and actually do it. Until then I am relying on making lists and prioritizing the things that are on it. It has been great because I am finding some extra time and much to Diane's dislike I still have not had to say "no."

Because of Him,

Terry

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Upcoming Meetings

May

- Movie night. Join us on the 2nd for movie night beginning at 5:15 PM. This would be a great night to invite some friends, just let us know how many are coming so we can make sure that we have enough to eat (please be sure to bring \$3 to help cover the cost of the meal).
- On the 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th we will gather from 5:45 to 6:45 PM.
- Confirmation class has finished for the year and Confirmation Sunday will be May 20th.

June

- Movie night. Join us on the 6th for movie night beginning at 5:15 PM. This would be a great night to invite some friends, just let us know how many are coming so we can make sure that we have enough to eat (please be sure to bring \$3 to help cover the cost of the meal).
- On the 13th and 20th we will gather from 5:45 to 6:45 PM.
- No youth group on the 27th, as we will be on the youth mission trip.

Events not scheduled yet will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend.

Upcoming Events

May

3 rd	National Day of Prayer - Mays Island
12 th	2007 HRL Race #4.
13 th	Mother's Day
20 th	Confirmation Sunday
22 nd	Parents Meeting, 7 PM in the youth room
27 th	Marion High School graduation
	Global Day of Prayer - Veteran's Memorial Stadium
28 th	Memorial Day

June

3 rd	Youth serving Sunday Evening Meal at 1 st Presbyterian Church from 4 - 6 PM.
9 th	2007 HRL Race #5.
17 th	Father's Day
23 rd	Free concert at Marion Square Park following the Freedom Festival parade
24 th -29 th	Youth Mission Trip

Every Monday: Youth Prayer Time, 7 PM from wherever you are.

Every Wednesday: Marion High School Bible Study
7:30 AM at Marion High School

Every Friday: Breakfast Club
7:00 AM at Kennedy High School
7:30 AM at Prairie Middle School

Times subject to change.

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him Forever in the next. Amen.

--Reinhold Niebuhr

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Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Rotational Sunday School Exploring God's World

Many Thanks!!

Hus Church Rotational Sunday School wouldn't be the same without the help of some special people who have been spending long hours working to make the rooms complete. Thanks go out to Don McDill, Jack Funcke, and David Raim for their great work on the movie theatre. The mural painting in the rooms and hallways is complete also. Go check it out!

THE NAMES OF JESUS

This Easter rotation was about the different names of Jesus:

- ✓ I am the Gate/Door
- ✓ I am the Bread of Life
- ✓ I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life
- ✓ I am the Resurrection
- ✓ I am the Vine and the Branches

The kids learned and discussed some other names of Jesus too. Here's the list they came up with (in addition to the ones above):

Shepherd	Messiah
God	The Great I Am
Redeemer	Friend
Alpha (first)	Omega (last)
King	Lord of Lords
Ancient of Days	
Savior	Lamb of God
Immanuel (God With Us)	
Mary's son	Prince of Peace
Lord of Everything	

Peter and John Heal a Man

The final rotation of the year will be a story from the book of Acts. Some of the main concepts of the story include:

- ★ Just as the lame man was helpless, we are all helpless because of sin until we know God by faith in Jesus Christ
- ★ God gives us power by his Holy Spirit to obey him, to love people, and to ask for good things in Jesus' name
- ★ God answers the prayers we ask according to his will

The memory verse is Malachi 4:2
"But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall."

The Stations:

Imagination Island:

Creative Art

**Bible Broadway:
Drama**

**Movies on the
Mount: Video**

**SCRIPTURE SAFARI:
Bible Exploration**

Polar P.C.: Computers

Youth in 7th Grade through High School will meet in the Youth Room for Sunday School with Marcia, Terry and Diane.

Where will my Child be each week?

Meet at 11am in Fellowship Hall

5/6: PreSchool through 3rd Graders - Imagination Island
4th-6th Graders - Polar P.C.

5/13: PreSchool through 3rd Graders - Scripture Safari
4th-6th Graders - Imagination Island

5/20: PreSchool through 3rd Graders - Polar P.C.
4th-6th Graders - Scripture Safari

6/3: All Grades - Bible Broadway

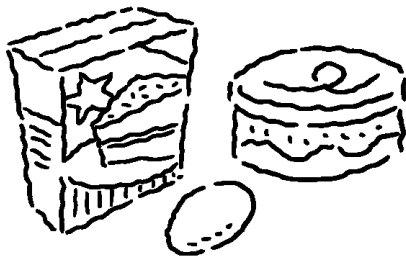
(There is no Sunday School on 5/27 for Memorial Day Weekend)

May 2007

Cloud Cookies

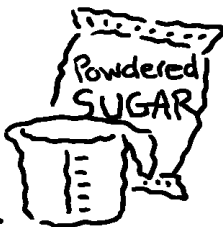
Jesus was "lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9, NRSV).

When you make these cloud cookies, remember what the angels said to his apostles: "This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven" (verse 11).



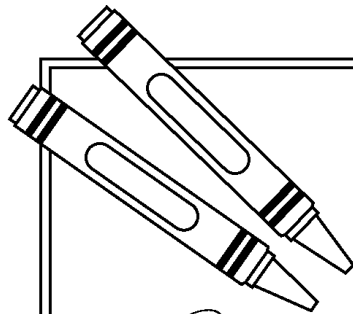
What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 white cake mix
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 container (6 oz.) of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 3 cups powdered sugar



What you do:

1. Combine cake mix and egg.
2. Fold in whipped topping.
3. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto powdered sugar and coat well.
4. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until tops are firm.



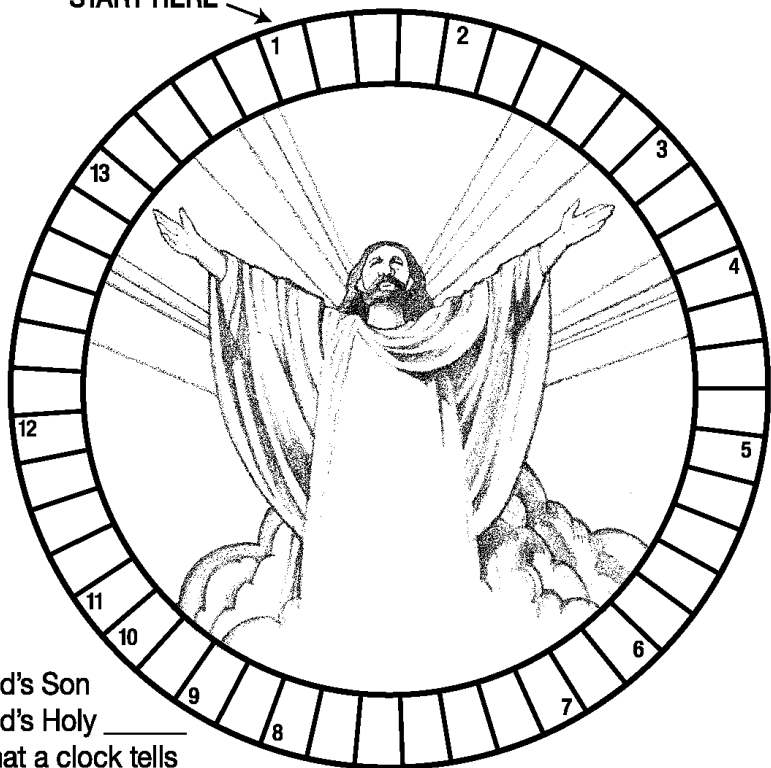
Just for **KIDS**

Ascension of the Lord

On the day Jesus left his disciples and went up in a cloud to heaven, he said to them, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18, KJV).

Read the clues below. The last letter of each word is the beginning of the next word.

START HERE →



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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. God's Son | 9. Modern word for thee |
| 2. God's Holy _____ | 10. Opposite of down |
| 3. What a clock tells | 11. Authority or strength |
| 4. Our planet | 12. Comes back |
| 5. Where Jesus is now | 13. Searches for |
| 6. Opposite of Old Testament | |
| 7. An onlooker | |
| 8. Place to see clouds | |

Answers: (1) Jesus; (2) Spirit; (3) time; (4) Earth; (5) heaven; (6) new; (7) witness; (8) sky; (9) you; (10) up; (11) power; (12) returns; (13) seeks